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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 8

THE KINGLY KINDNESS OF DAVID.

LESSON TEXT—II Sam. 8:15; 9:1-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.
II Sam. 8:15.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Deut. 28:13, 14; Ps. 72:7-12.

PRIMARY TOPIC—David Kind to a Cripple.

JUNIOR TOPIC—David's Kindness to Jonathan's Son.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—David Showing Himself Kindly.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Elements of Strength in David's Character.

I. David's Righteous and Impartial Reign (8:15).

When he was established as king over all Israel, he executed judgment and justice unto all his people. In this respect he stands as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ; for when David's greater son, the Lord Jesus, shall reign over all Israel, righteousness and justice will prevail in all the earth.

II. David's Inquiry for Some of Saul's House to Whom He Might Show Kindness (9:1-13).

This story of faithful love to a dead friend is quite refreshing. David experienced great grief when he received the news that Jonathan had fallen in battle. Now when he is made king and success has crowned his efforts in the subjugation of his enemies, he sets himself to make inquiry as to whether there is any one left of Saul's family to whom he might show kindness for Jonathan's sake. When Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, was found, David ordered him to be brought to him and restored to him his grandfather's estate. Being unable to cultivate it on account of infirmity, he arranged that it be cultivated for him. Not content with this, he ordered that Mephibosheth should eat at his own table as one of his sons. This example of David's nobility teaches us that those who are blessed and prospered should stop to inquire as to whether there are not some deserving ones whom they can help. It may be that children of some old friends who rendered us help in former days need care and help. Then, too, some faithful servant of God could be cheered along life's way. This should not be simply done as an act of charity, but in recognition of some lasting obligation in view of help rendered by their fathers in bygone days. This was the case with Jonathan. He had sacrificed much and endangered his life for David's sake.

The chief value of this lesson will be realized by making it a living story illustrating the plan of salvation. David's making inquiry for some one upon whom he can bestow kindness illustrates God taking the initiative in providing salvation for lost and needy souls. This is clearly suggested in David's expression, "show the kindness of God." Mephibosheth did not seek David's help or sympathy. Quite likely he had a fear and dread for him like the sinner has in many cases for the Lord. Salvation originated with the Lord. He did not make this provision because of man's merit, but out of a heart of grace, for the sake of another, even Christ.

III. Mephibosheth Is Found (vv. 4, 6).

This lame man was found in the house of Machir in Lodebar. This strikingly illustrates the sinner's condition. The sinner is utterly unable to walk uprightly before the Lord. Mephibosheth was in the house of Machir, which means "sold." This is exactly the sinner's condition—sold unto sin and Satan. Lodebar means "no pasture." This, too, suggests the sinner's condition of soul which nothing can satisfy but God. The sinner maimed and enslaved by sin has an "aching void" which only God and his grace can satisfy.

IV. Mephibosheth's Sense of Unworthiness (v. 6-8).

When he was brought into the presence of the king he reverently fell upon his face. Every sinner in the presence of God feels unworthy of his saving grace.

V. David Restores to Mephibosheth the Forfeited Estate of His Father (vv. 9-10).

He not only restored this estate, but provided a means of tillage. God not only restores us into his family as children and restores to us the estate forfeited by Adam, but provides for his culture and development.

VI. Mephibosheth at the King's Table (vv. 11-13).

This act of kindness on the part of David was done out of the sincerity of his heart. This illustrates God's kindness to us in Christ.

Find Good in Evil.

Train yourself to find the good in what seems evil, to make of disaster an opportunity for your courage, to master suffering by patience, to learn from sorrow sympathy.—O. S. Merriam.

Rooted in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.—Colossians 2:6 and 7.

Washingtonville

Clifford, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herron, had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Saturday. He is getting along nicely.

Relatives from Pittsburgh spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Evans, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lora and son of Salem were Sunday guests at the home of Misses Sarah and Mattie Roller, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Metzger and children and Miss Evans of Bradock, Pa., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hawkins.

Mrs. Layton DeLawter was able to be brought home from the Salem hospital on Saturday. She is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smedley.

Mrs. Fred Fenstermaker of East Palestine spent the week here with her parents, Mr. Fenstermaker spent the week in New York on business.

Mrs. Geo. Senheiser, son Ensign, Mrs. Charles Senheiser, Mrs. C. O. Stevenson, Mrs. Walter Foulkerson and son Dick, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Anderson and family, Miss Evangeline Sebring of New Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graham and sons, Mrs. Roy Dreher of Cleveland were entertained on Sunday at six o'clock dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deane.

Mrs. C. R. Taylor of Cleveland and Mrs. Bient of Salem were guests of Mrs. Clara Taylor this week.

Mr. W. G. Sutterfield of West Union, Va., visited at the home of Mrs. Amos Groener several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney of Salem called at the home of Miss Helen Weikart, Monday.

Mrs. W. D. King and son of Salem are at the home of her parents this week.

Geo. Firth and family motored to Akron on Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Charles Blackburn and family of Lisbon and Mr. and Mrs. George Somerville motored to Rochester and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Somerville.

Miss Louise Cononica of Youngstown secured work in Lisbon and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McAndrews.

Albert Culler won first prize at the Foresters euchre party Friday evening. Mark Klingensmith won the booby.

Mrs. Charles Herron, who was in the Salem hospital two weeks, returned home on Sunday, and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Weikart and family were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Weikart, Monday evening.

Mrs. Harley Woods was taken to the Salem hospital Sunday morning. Physicians thought she would have to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but later it was found to be unnecessary. She was brought to her home Monday evening and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weikart and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weikart were callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roller in Youngstown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Salem spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Lydia King.

Timothy Brain and family of Deerfield spent Sunday with Samuel Roller and family.

Mrs. Ralph Warner entertained guests in her home Saturday evening in honor of her husband's 23rd birthday anniversary. Music and contests were evening entertainments. Miss Marie Rohrer and Mrs. Jack Fieldhouse were winners in the contests. The hostess received some pretty gifts. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Charles Taylor spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James King in Salem. Mr. King is bedfast at his home.

Mrs. Wm. Weikart left on Tuesday for Cleveland to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. A. Bell, and mother, Mrs. Mankine.

Mrs. Hannah Kline, Mrs. Ansel Senheiser, Mrs. Alice Adell and Mrs. Charles Herron were Columbiana visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Callahan of Salem were callers here Sunday afternoon.

A large crowd attended the play, "East Lynne," in town hall last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Negretto have been requested to give the play, Lena Rivers, and the request will be granted if characters can be secured.

Paul Vignon was taken to the Salem hospital last Wednesday and submitted to an operation for appendicitis. He is recovering nicely.

Mrs. C. H. Weikart pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Home Circle last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Frank Ballantine of Leetonia and Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter Clara were invited guests. The company was entertained with some good pieces on the victrola. Fancy work was the principal diversion. The hostess served a delicious luncheon. Miss Grace Weikart entertains next Wednesday evening.

Miss Clara Weikart was a Columbiana visitor, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carlisle spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald, in East Palestine.

G. W. Allen bought the Past homestead, which was sold at sheriff's sale on Monday. Joseph Past bought the property next to the Daily property on Wednesday. John Bradley bought the three acres of swamp land and one lot.

Mrs. Wm. Tellow and daughters spent several days with relatives at Sebring and Alliance.

The Sunday schools and community held an enjoyable picnic at Eagleton Glen last Wednesday. The weather being ideal and great crowds in attendance.

There is much talk about a homecoming here this year. All get busy and do your part for this celebration.

John E. Gilbert died at his home last Saturday morning after an illness of several years.

If you are built right you can look at honest man and a pure woman square in the eye. Can you?

Of making excuses there is no end and the majority of them are inexcusable.

GREENFORD

Aug. 4.—Eveline Voss of Canton returned home last Tuesday accompanied by Owen Charlton, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martz of Port Huron, Mich., visited Mrs. Mary Kenrich and family last week.

G. L. Bush went to Toledo last Tuesday evening to attend the Overland dealers' convention. He drove a new car home.

A milk killed 46 young chickens at one time last week for Warren and Lloyd Weikart.

Miss Edith Nye and brother of Westville, Pa., are here visiting their brother, Roscoe.

Abraham Eitelzer and wife, daughter and family, spent a few days at the home of J. H. Detwiler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Basinger and daughter, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. H. L. Weikart of Canfield spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. David Huffman.

Mrs. Frankford of Leetonia returned home last Saturday after spending a week visiting Mrs. Persanna Callahan and family.

Ernest Schaaf of Youngstown visited his sister, Mrs. Edmond Huffman, Sunday.

G. L. Bush, Owen Charlton and Curtis Co. motored to Pittsburgh on Saturday evening and returned with L. C. Bush's household effects to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bush for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clay, daughter Lulu and son Jesse and family motored to Minerva on Sunday and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis.

Ray Calvin and family and J. U. Walter called on Clark Calvin in Youngstown Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Miss Lulu Clay, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harmon and son Jay visited Mr. and Mrs. Myron McCrone in Poland last Sunday.

Charles Cochran and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bush of Canfield.

Mrs. I. N. Weikart spent from Wednesday till Sunday with her son, Wilbur, and wife in Youngstown.

Fred Dively and family motored to Nelson Ledges last Sunday.

A. Less and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koll, sons James and Sherrell and daughter Katherine of Pittsburgh are here spending the summer with Mrs. Croson and family.

Mrs. Morrison and two daughters, friend and her daughter of Cleveland, are spending two weeks with her sisters, Mrs. Croson and Mrs. Koll.

Miss Flora Losier of Pittsburgh came on Saturday to visit.

Dr. P. H. Leimbach is sporting a new Ford coupe.

Another baby boy was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rhodes.

Rob Curry and family of Youngstown spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rotzel and son Richard of Youngstown and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rotzel and three sons of Greensburg were Sunday guests of Willis Rotzel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaaf of Maple Grove called on Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Huffman, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Bush was able to take a short ride last Sunday.

The road between New Albany and Greenford is closed for repairs and people now have to drive north at Albany and come across by No. 2 school house.

Mrs. Walter McElowny and son of Canton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hively.

[From Another Correspondent.]

Mrs. L. M. Salvisger has returned from a visit in Canada and was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. C. N. Stout.

Mrs. I. N. Weikart is visiting in Youngstown.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Calvin spent Sunday in East Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mattix spent Sunday with friends in Youngstown.

CALLA

Aug. 4.—Quite a number from here attended the picnic at the Canfield fair grounds in Canfield, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers and daughter Edythe were in Youngstown Saturday afternoon.

The rain last Saturday did lots of good.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paisley and daughter Ethel and Mrs. Mattie Grindle of Leetonia were callers in the home of Wm. Herron, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holben, daughter Nola, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holben and daughter Helen Louise were in Youngstown, Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Siegle, son Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Mont. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sigle and family spent Sunday at Myers' Lake.

Rev. Rager was entertained in the home of Edward Holben, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Templin and son Lear attended the funeral of Perry Crockett in Cleveland, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Houts and daughter Goldie, Mrs. Lucinda Hollabaugh and Walter Knauf spent Sunday in West Middlesex.

Miss Helen Herron is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Albert Lang.

Genevieve and Maxine Delfs of Canfield are spending a few days at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Templin.

Mrs. Berrie Davis and daughters recently visited in the home of Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Miss Ada Wagoner spent Tuesday afternoon in Greenford.

Cured of Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Rachel Cribley of Beaver Dam, Ohio, was sick for two years with stomach trouble and constipation, taking one medicine after another with only temporary relief. "My neighbor spoke so enthusiastically of Chamberlain's Tablets," she says, "that I procured a bottle of them at our drug store to try. A few days treatment convinced me that they were just what I needed. I continued their use for several weeks and they cured me."—Adv.

EAST LEWISTOWN

August 4.—J. A. Burkholder and family returned by auto from Harrisburg, Va., after a two weeks' visit there with relatives.

Floyd Double and Leland Blosser were in Youngstown last Friday.

Warren assisted Henry Blosser at carpenter work one day last week.

Mrs. H. Langraver, Mrs. J. H. Seneca, Lester, Delmore and Paul Langraver and Galen Blosser helped Lee Longenecker clean several acres of asparagus land last week.

Rev. A. B. Burkholder is assisting M. W. Mellinger with his harvesting.

C. W. Engler and family of Canfield visited Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Crumbacher one evening last week.

G. W. Harter and H. Blosser were in Youngstown last Saturday.

Miss Dora Knopp is spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Barbara Knopp in Leetonia.

Mart Weaver and daughter Florence were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Metzler in Leetonia.

Jacob Wilderson has taken the contract to haul the winter supply of coal for several parties here.

Ernest Schaaf and L. S. Burns of North Lima were callers here one day last week.

Miss Thelma Blosser is on the sick list.

Alden Weaver is helping John Bowman during harvest.

J. H. Engler and brother William of Leetonia called on Henry Blosser, Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Langraver visited relatives in Niles one day last week.

A number from here attended an ice cream festival in North Lima last Friday night.

Unprecedented rain came last Saturday accompanied with a heavy hail and wind storm.

Walter Langraver of Youngstown visited his grandmother, Mrs. H. Langraver, a few days last week.

Arthur Good and family of near Woodworth were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hetrick and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hetrick and daughter of North Lima were callers at Eli Painter's one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris and Dan Harris of Youngstown spent Sunday with Mrs. D. Langraver.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Coie and son Clarence called at the county infirmary last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kurtz and Mrs. Jacob Kurtz of Pleasant Valley were Friday visitors of Mrs. Barbara Blosser.

Isaac Brubaker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brubaker of Leetonia called on Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Brubaker, Sunday.

Harvey Martin and family of Columbiana were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Bartley.

A. B. Burkholder and family spent Sunday with Rudolph Blosser and family.

The annual gathering of the Engler family last Sunday at the home of W. H. Harter and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Crumbacher was enjoyed by Mrs. Mary Engler, J. H. and Wm. Engler, C. W. Engler and family, Edward Frankford and family, Joe Lecher and family, Charles Haney and family, Wm. Harrold and family, Oscar Leisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skelton, Mrs. A. S. Lynn, Mrs. Roy Barger and children, Misses Elita Moff, Ada Souders, Theda and Mildred Baer, Mrs. Minnie Cook, Mrs. Lucy Osborne, Howard and Elmer Lynn and Jonathan Harter.

Rather cool weather for August, more like October.

ISLAND

Aug. 4.—Miss Carrie Lehman of Wooster is here visiting friends and relatives.

Amos Martin and family, Mrs. Lovina Horst, Ezra Knopp and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Kaiser, Amos Snyder, Christian Martin and Carrie Lehman were Sunday guests of Menno Brubaker and family.

A number of our young folks attended a singing held at the home of J. J. Witmer, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and daughter Elsie spent Sunday at Bristolville.

Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Witmer spent the week-end with friends near Wooster.

The Triangle Club will meet at the home of Rev. David Lehman, Saturday evening.

D. R. Lehman, accompanied by Aaron Brubaker of East Lewistown, motored to Canton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burns and son Linus of Pleasant Grove, Misses Mary and Ethel Speiser of Marion, O., Miss Anna Carter of Woolley, S. D., C. A. McClun and family of West Middlesex, Pa., and Pauline Crumbacher were pleasantly entertained on Sunday by S. G. McClun and family.

Alvin Detrow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Culp are spending a week with relatives in Wayne county.

Mrs. Susan Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wenger, son David and daughter Anna, Harvey Showalter and daughter Esther and Miss Malissa Weaver were Sunday guests of D. R. Lehman and family.

A number from here attended the grange picnic in Canfield last Saturday.

Henry Lehman and family and Miss Lizzie Knopp motored to Louisville on Sunday and spent the day with Dan Conrad and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Culp family were Salem callers on Saturday afternoon.

Jonas Knopp, who spent several weeks with Cate Rohrer at Wadsworth, returned home on Sunday.

D. R. Lehman attended a business meeting of the Springfield Mutual Insurance Co. in New Springfield, Saturday.

Jacob Weaver and wife visited Bert Rohrer and family in Columbiana on Friday.

Lester Detrow had a telephone installed in his home on Monday and will answer by calling 13 on 102, Columbus.

H. H. Calvin was in Cleveland on Monday attending the funeral of Perry Crockett.

Aaron Brubaker and family of East Lewistown spent Sunday evening at Jacob Weaver's.

Miss Ada Weaver on Sunday accompanied Eli Blosser and family to Orville, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Blosser.

NORTH LIMA

Aug. 4.—In common with a number of other school districts of the state, the North Lima special rural district is submitting to its voters next Thursday the proposition of authorizing the board of education to make an extra levy of not to exceed three mills and for not to exceed five years, said levy to be over and above that permitted by the limitations of the Smith one per cent law. For a number of years the district has been running behind financially owing to ever increasing cost of maintaining the schools with practically the same tax duplicates and tax regulations. In order to continue to maintain a first grade high school, or in fact a high school of any kind, it is absolutely necessary that the voters sanction the proposition.

North Lima grangers to the number of about a hundred attended the county grange picnic at Canfield last Saturday. Owing to the bad weather it was impossible to stage any of the sports except the ball game which was played before the noon hour. For the first time in four years North Lima was defeated, Greenford grange winning by a score of 2-0. North Lima grange has challenged the winners to another game, which will be played Saturday afternoon, Aug. 28, on the grounds at North Lima at 4 p. m. On the same day Pomona grange will have its quarterly meeting in the hall here.

Prominent features of the program are several addresses and the annual literary contest of the young people. Each grange of the county is expected to send one member to give a reading for this contest. North Lima grange will serve dinner for the visitors at 12 o'clock.

Lost on the fair grounds, Canfield, at grange picnic, a hand-made baby bonnet, white with blue rosettes. Finder please return to Mrs. Rollin Crouse, North Lima.

The funeral of Evan Peters of New Springfield was held from his late home Sunday afternoon, and burial with military honors was made in the New Springfield cemetery. Many friends and relatives from this place attended the funeral.

Miss Helen Cotton of New Castle has been the guest of Miss Thelma Culp.

Miss Mary Hiner has accepted the position of assistant operator at the switchboard of the Beaver Telephone Co.

George Condo of New Springfield purchased the Teichler property occupied by T. McCollum and will move here soon. The property belongs to T. Teichler heirs was sold to W. H. Paulin of this township. The vacant lot was purchased by Paul Metzler.

Mrs. P. D. Holloway of Sharon was a visitor in town, Wednesday.

Mrs. Catharine Harter was a Sunday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley at East Lewistown.

A festival for the benefit of the Camp Fire Girls was an attraction here Friday evening and brought a large crowd to town.

A severe rain storm, accompanied by hail, thunder and lightning visited this section Saturday afternoon. Some damage was done to maturing fruits and crops, especially corn and potatoes.

ELLSWORTH

Aug. 4.—Ellsworth grange was well represented at the picnic of Mahoning county grangers, held Saturday at the fair grounds, Canfield. All report a fine time.